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**DRUGS SHORT; TEXTILES AVAILABLE**

**ALLIED SHORTAGE OF MEDICINES -- Rude Pravo, No 53, 4 Mar 49**

Many complaints have been made recently that ordinary medicines made in Czechoslovakia cannot be obtained and prescriptions cannot be filled in drug stores. Druggists say they have no drugs.

The "Spots" state enterprise is amazed at these complaints. It has supplies on hand, it advertises medicines in the medical journals, and it is required to supply them to drug stores when they are ordered. The enterprise suggests that druggists are unwilling to keep stocks on hand and recollect that until February the drug business was very profitable.

TEXTILES AVAILABLE IN STORES -- Rude Pravo, No 53, 4 Mar 49

The textile supply is steadily improving. Last year textiles had almost disappeared from the stores and were to be found mainly in the black market. Since then, factories, markets, and large retail stores have been nationalised and a few hundred speculators imprisoned. Goods are for sale again in the stores, and consumers can spend all their ration points.

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